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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, CY, TU  
SUBJECT: MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE

REF: USUN 2091

1. U.S. REP TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEZVINSKY HELD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FM ROLANDIS, DENKTASH AND LOCAL ICRC REP THIS WEEK ON ESTABLISHING A MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE. BOTH SIDES AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO THE CURRENT FORMULA, VIZ. THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS IT NOW STANDS WITH NO FURTHER AMENDMENTS AND THE LETTER FROM THE ICRC ACCEPTING AN ICRC ROLE WOULD NOTE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH THE "OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE" WHICH THE ICRC WOULD FOLLOW DURING THE COMMITTEE'S SESSIONS. (ICRC LETTER IN PARA 2 BELOW.) ROLANDIS SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE A RESPONSE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF RELATIVES IN EARLY JULY AND DENKTASH SAID HE WOULD REFER WHOLE MATTER TO HIS "PRIME MINISTER". BOTH SIDES APPEARED FAIRLY SANGUINE, AND ICRC REP WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORTIVE AS USUAL. DENKTASH WONDERED WHETHER ICRC LETTER WOULD BECOME PUBLIC. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SHOULD BOTH SIDES GIVE FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO DRAFT AGREEMENT, HE AND KYPRIANOU SHOULD INITIAL DOCUMENT TOGETHER.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

- THE ICRC AGREES TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES THAT IT NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WILL HAVE THE CONCURRENCE OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS. THIS DECISION OF THE ICRC IS INSPIRED BY HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE LISTED AS MISSING, AND IS BASED ON THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND THE ROLE OF THE CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY.

- THE ICRC ACCEPTS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE TWO PARTIES AS A BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S OPERATION. THE ICRC'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL FUNCTION AS AN IMPARTIAL INFORMATION-GATHERING BODY, WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE FATE OF MISSING PERSONS. IT WILL ASSEMBLY AND EXAMINE EVIDENCE ON CASES PRESENTED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY TURN OVER ITS FINDINGS TO THEM FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE NEXT OF KIN. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE WILL SEEK TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN A SPIRIT OF HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD THE ICRC WILL ADHERE TO ITS NORMAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES DURING THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE; IF THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, THE ICRC WILL UNDERTAKE TO REACH AN INDEPENDENT VIEW POINT.

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- THE ICRC WILL REVIEW THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE AT THE END OF SIX MONTHS' OPERATION AND REGULARLY THEREAFTER. END TEXT.  
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